

# Open season on Minnesota's Humphrey

by Phil Valenti

The proverbial noose seems to be tightening around the neck of another enemy of Lyndon LaRouche.

Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. "Skip" Humphrey III, son of the late vice president and currently seeking his fourth term in office, has been the object of a relentless campaign of exposure, spearheaded by LaRouche associate Lewis du Pont Smith. Recently, some of the Twin Cities establishment media have also placed Humphrey in their crosshairs.

The principal instrument of du Pont Smith's efforts has been a 35-page report, "Skip Humphrey and the Criminal Abuse of Power—Case Studies of Corruption, Coverup and Official Oppression in Minnesota," which was excerpted in *EIR* on Oct. 29, 1993.

The report, whose circulation in Minnesota is approaching 100,000 copies, exposes: the intimate ties of the Humphrey political machine to the Meyer Lansky syndicate, including the late Twin Cities gangster Kid Cann; the role of banker and Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlad and his partners, Radisson Hotel magnate Curtis Carlson and Irwin "The Liquidator" Jacobs, along with grain cartel bigwigs and Anti-Defamation League financiers Dwayne Andreas and Burton Joseph, as successors to the old syndicate and key Humphrey moneymen; Humphrey's role in covering up the massive Jordan, Minnesota child sex abuse ring uncovered in 1982, with connections to the Nebraska child kidnapping and prostitution network exposed in the book *The Franklin Cover-Up*; and other examples of abuse of power against the LaRouche movement and many others.

## Du Pont Smith announces candidacy

The fireworks really began in late June, after du Pont Smith announced his candidacy against Humphrey for the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party nomination for Attorney General in the Sept. 13 primary. He is joined on the ballot by several other LaRouche supporters, including: Richard Van Bergen for governor (DFL); Glenn Mesaros for lieutenant governor (DFL); Gary Le Gare for U.S. Senate (DFL); Jennings Campbell for Congress (6th CD-DFL); Stanley Bentz for Congress (2nd CD-Independent); Kent Herschbach for Attorney General (DFL); and Andy Olson for Attorney General in the Republican primary. (The DFL is the Democratic Party in Minnesota.)

Du Pont Smith has become well known in the Twin Cities, as a result of his seven-month-long auto-dialer cam-

paign, which reached about 885,000 residents directly over the phone with a one-minute message calling for Humphrey's impeachment. Humphrey was so badly hurt that he arranged to sneak a one-sentence amendment to the auto-dialer law through the legislature, prohibiting political messages over the phone as of July 1! Similar statutes, including a federal law, restricting commercial speech using auto-dialers have been struck down in New Jersey and Oregon, and the Minnesota law is currently being challenged in the courts.

Du Pont Smith turned up the temperature in March, by placing a full-page advertisement in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, including a draft impeachment resolution specifying Humphrey's crimes and corrupt conduct. After he announced for office, KSTP radio, owned by Hubbard Broadcasting, pulled his paid ads attacking Humphrey off the air after one day, allegedly out of fear of libel suits against the station! After a three-week battle, du Pont Smith's advertisements have begun to air on KSTP and 65 other radio stations throughout the state.

## Media expose Humphrey's dirty tricks

On July 23, KSTP television launched its own exposé of Humphrey's role in covering up fraud against a local charity, in order to protect Chief Deputy Attorney General Jack Tunheim.

On July 29, *Minneapolis Star Tribune* columnist Doug Grow lambasted Humphrey for his police-state tactics against two tiny Twin Cities businesses accused of "environmental crimes" in 1992. The methods of Humphrey's so-called "E-Team" in this case were declared unconstitutional by a Ramsey County judge, and the state was recently forced to pay \$14,720 compensation to one of Humphrey's victims, Mike Stich.

Under the headline, "E-Team's Dirty-Work Sting Was a Waste, and Skip Wound Up Stung," Grow quoted DFL State Sen. Bob Lessard: "I can't grasp it yet," he said, "I can't grasp how they make the pinch and they get a little grandmother and they get this guy Stich, who I didn't know from Adam, and they think they've done some big thing. I kept telling Skip, "You're gonna get your ass kicked on this one," but he didn't believe it. . . . This whole thing was government run crazy and it was entrapment."

Du Pont Smith increased the pressure more by denouncing Humphrey's protection of the multibillion-dollar Piper Jaffray investment house, which recently lost about \$160 million as a result of speculation in financial derivatives, wiping out tax money from 20 Minnesota cities as well as pension money of elderly investors.

"Where is Humphrey," du Pont Smith demanded in a press release, "while New York State Attorney General G. Oliver Koppell says he is investigating Piper Jaffray for possible fraud? . . . As far as I'm concerned, Humphrey's inaction against his crooked buddies makes him totally complicit in their crimes. That's why I say, *Humphrey rips off little old ladies* and is morally unqualified to be dog catcher, let alone Attorney General."